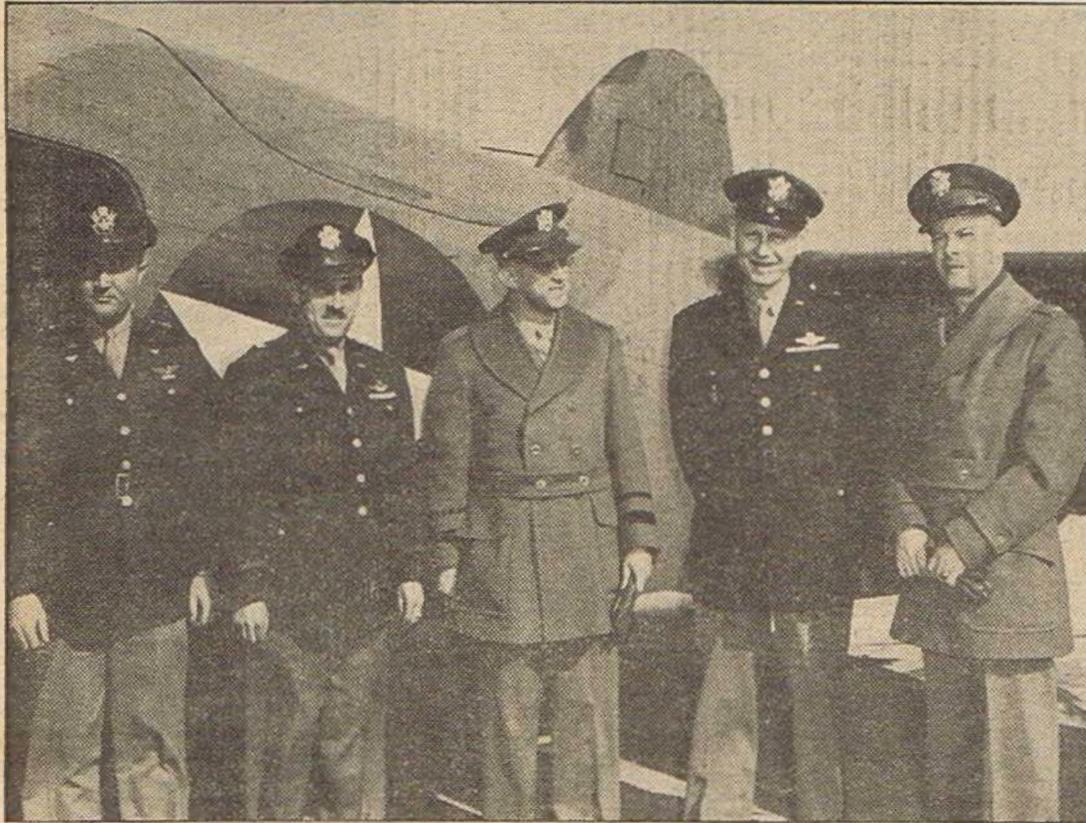


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Brigadier General Miller G. White and Colonel Richard Nugent of the War Dept's. General Staff in Washington, D. C., arrive at George Field for the graduation ceremonies of class 43-C last Thursday. Shown above, from left to right, are, Capt. James Loftus, Director of Flying; Col. Edwin B. Bobzien, Commanding Officer; Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, Commanding Officer of the 28th Wing; and Col. Nugent.

## Southeast Names George Field Sgt. As One of Four O. C. S. Appointees



Sgt. Peter Martin receives congratulations from George Field's Post Executive Officer, Major Channing Beasley. Lt. Stanley Martz, Assistant Signal Officer, looks on with approval as Sgt. Martin learns of his appointment as one of four men from the entire Southeast Training Command to receive an appointment to the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Sgt. Peter Joseph Martin for the past six months has served as Signal Center Chief here at George Field. Martin has been awaiting appointment to the Eastern Signal Corps Communications school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and this week received official notification of his appointment.

Sergeant Martin, better known to his intimates as 'Petey,' is one of only four men from the entire Southeast Training Command to win appointment to the school.

"I report for training at Fort Monmouth on March 30th," he commented. "My course of study will include wire, radio, messenger and pigeon communications, map and compass reading, cryptography, chemical warfare, combat tactics and field work."

Born in Brooklyn, New York, and in later years making his home in Zanesville, O., Martin was associated with the Graphic Arts trade in

civilian life. "My ambition," he says, "is to own a publishing and printing house."

Martin was inducted into the army on February 19, 1942, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, O. He received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Missouri. This primary training consisted principally of teletypewriters, message center procedure, cryptography, map reading and field work.

He received further training at Maxwell Field, Alabama, learning telephone and telegraph procedure. Later transferred to Hendricks Field, in Florida, Martin assumed complete charge of that post's message center.

On September 6, 1942, Martin was sent to George Field, where he took over the duties from which he is now being relieved. During his entire army career 'Petey' has devoted most of his spare time to reading and to the study of communications problems and research.

## Lt. Pawley's Father Formed 'Flying Tigers'

A chance business association with Glenn Martin introduced William Douglass Pawley to the Aviation Industry and eventually led him to China where he organized the American Volunteer Group, "Flying Tigers," with Gen. Clair Chennault, according to Lt. William D. Pawley, who was a member of Class 43-C which was graduated from George Field last Thursday. A feature story printed in the March 22 issue of Life Magazine revealed the story of Pawley Sr.'s airplane plant in India where for the past seven years he has supplied China with \$30,000,000 worth of airplanes.

Though he has had certain advantages, Lt. Pawley may be considered as typical of the young men



who are being graduated from the Army Air Forces Flying Schools. From his youth he has had an interest in and an aptitude for mechanics. "When this war is over I want to become a designer of airplanes, preferably fighter planes," said Lt. Pawley last Wednesday as he was completing his last classes prior to graduation. "I have a few ideas for their eventual improvement which I think will help to give America a leading advantage should we one day become involved in another war." Lt. Pawley realistically faces the fact that there may be a World War No. 3. "In the next war a Navy may be a liability. A boat would not dare to enter into enemy waters for it would be immediately sunk by the improved (Continued on Page Four)

## Brig. Gen. Miller G. White Attends 43-C Graduation

In impressive ceremonies marked with solemnity and just a shade of emotion the class of 43-C was graduated last Thursday morning, Mar. 25, in the Post theatre. Filing across a stage decorated with colorful banners of all the United Nations and against a backdrop of a huge American flag, more than one hundred young men received the diploma and "wings" which signify the completion of many months of arduous training.

Chaplain Edward B. Wyckoff opened the program with an invocation. Colonel Edwin B. Bobzien, Commanding Officer of George Field, then introduced Brigadier General Miller G. White, who delivered the main address. General White, who is on the War Depart-

Referring to last week's article in Snafu concerning the inspection trip made by General Nowland and officers of the 28th Flying Training Wing, we wish to correct an inaccuracy which appeared in the second paragraph. This paragraph gave the impression that Major VonWeller was the pilot in General Nowland's plane. We desire to inform our readers that General Nowland, who is one of our real flying Generals, was piloting his own plane and has been flying for more than 25 years. Major VonWeller acted as co-pilot during the trip.

The tour began Saturday and stops were made at the twin-engine school at Seymour and Blytheville. On Sunday visits were made at the three basic schools of the Wing: Malden, Missouri, Walnut Ridge, and Newport, Ark. The party also stopped at Stuttgart which is at present a glider school although it is to be changed soon to a twin-engine school.

Monday the party visited the elementary schools at Helena, Arkansas, and Clarksdale, Mississippi, and then went on to Memphis to spend the night. Tuesday the entire day was spent at the elementary school at Jackson, Tennessee, and after an early visit to Union City, Tennessee, Wednesday morning, the party returned to George Field about noon of that day.

General Nowland was well pleased with the spirit and morale that he found at the various schools.

## CUBS-TIGERS TO PLAY HERE TUES. APRIL 13

All baseball fans, both civilians and soldiers, will enjoy a treat on Tuesday April 13, when the Chicago Cubs and the Detroit Tigers meet in an exhibition game at Washington Field in Vincennes.

Lt. Roy Johnson, Special Services Officer, has been working in close collaboration with Bernie Cogan, John Adams, George Byers, and Father Doll, all of Vincennes, for the past few days to make the game possible.

Detroit will bring to Vincennes the year's highest priced rookie, Dick Wakefield, a \$50,000 parcel who will cavor in left field. Steve O'Neill, manager, indicated that another rookie, Ned Harris, would replace the injured veteran Roger Cramer in center, and the old reliable Rip Radcliff will appear in the right garden. Pitching duties may be divided between Virgil Trucks, "Dizzy" Trout, or Hal Newhouser. Rudy York who has been homering consistently for the Tigers for the last six years will put in his appearance at first base. York has already found the range this spring, having blasted several over the left field wall at Bosse Field, the Tiger's training ground.

The Chicago Cubs boast two of the National League's popular veteran pitchers in Lon Warneke and Paul Derringer, the latter a mid-winter acquisition via the trade route from Cincinnati. Jimmy Wilson is quite enthusiastic over his (Continued on Page Six)



BRIG. GEN. MILLER G. WHITE

ment General Staff in Washington, D. C., flew to George Field to speak

at the graduation ceremonies and

to be present when his son, Cadet

Miller G. White, Jr., received his

"wings."

Prior to the presentation of the

diplomas Captain Dyson W. Cox ad-

ministered the oath of office.

As Cadet White stepped upon the stage he and his father exchanged salutes, shook hands, and General White pinned a pair of "wings" on his son's blouse. The audience ap-

plauded loudly at this dramatic scene of a father with long years of military experience welcoming his son into the Army in which both

will serve their country. Lt. Col.

William K. Kincaid presented wings

to the remainder of the class.

Among the officers present on the stage, aside from those already mentioned, were Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, Commander of the 28th Wing; Major Channing E. Beasley, Post Executive Officer; Major Percy H. Sutley, Senior Flight Surgeon; Captain Joseph F. Loftus, Director of Flying; Captain Ray M. Cook, Training Executive; Captain Charles N. De Rose, Director of Ground Training; and Lt. Hugh G. Dardis, School Secretary.

Chaplain George W. McHugh led the assembly in the benediction upon completion of the presentation of the diplomas and "wings". Immediately after the benediction, the Post band played the National Anthem, following which Colonel Bobzien led the officers from the stage to the front of the theatre.

As the lieutenants marched into the outer lobby of the theatre there was much jubilant back-slapping and hand shaking among the men and their friends; mothers and wives busied themselves pinning "wings" on their sons and husbands.

## Beauty Contest!

Men of George Field, cease this idle boasting—about your girl friend. If she has the face of a goddess (as you imply); if she has the form of a nymph (as you rave), enter her photo in the "Portrait Beauty" contest at the Vincennes U. S. O. Rooms. Portraits will be exhibited in our gallery there. Ballot-boxes will be provided to register your choice. To the beau of the winning beauty, a long-distance phone call will be awarded (by the USO) at the Easter Sunday dance. But, remember—Petty and Varga "Girly," disallowed!

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## Chaplain's Corner

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon your observance of your various religious faiths. Time after time we read in papers of men, who, in trying circumstances and at death's door have turned to God for solace and the aid necessary to give them strength to overcome their difficulties. It seems as if waiting for these circumstances to arise and then, as a like result, turn to God for His aid is not doing all that is fair to God and with your families, who have tried in your youth to give you the religious training necessary.

The Chapel is open for men of all faiths at all times. Services held at the post chapel are fit as closely as possible with your own denomination. We, in the Chapel, have tried and are still trying to fix the Chapel with all those little things that make church more worshipful and a place for meditation. You will notice from time to time that there are new improvements being made in the Chapel and we all pray that you, each and everyone of you, will try to use the chapel as freely and as often as you would any other conveniences placed at George Field.

Chaplain E. B. Wyckoff  
 1st Lt. A. C. A. U. S.  
 Post Chaplain

## Buy War Bonds At Field Post Office

### Chaplain Names Times for All Services

Circulars, designating the time for services of all respective faiths, have been posted in various places on the post, including all of the orderly rooms, training squads on the line, hangers, PX, hospital wards, and the mess halls. It is requested of the First Sergeant of each squadron to fix a definite place for these posters on the bulletin board, and have them remain there at all times.

We urge you to observe and make note of the time of your respective service. Each and every one of us should take advantage of the privileges to attend the services weekly.

The 1067th Guard Squadron is to be congratulated for the splendid turn out they had last Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock Mass, which was celebrated in their honor. It was very gratifying to see so many of the men receiving Holy Communion in a body. Spirit like that should exist every Sunday. Therefore let's all work in unison and keep up the good work.

On Sunday, March 28th, the 11:00 o'clock Mass will be celebrated for the 327th B. Hq. & A. B. Squadron. There are approximately one hundred Catholic men in the squadron and if we cooperate by bringing someone with us to confession and communion, we can better the very good showing of the 1067th Guard Squadron.

Just a little reminder, that prayer books of the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths are at your disposal in the rear of the chapel. Rosaries, and Medals can also be had by asking for them in the Chaplain's office. Those of you who have not had a friendly chat with the Chaplains as yet, come in and get acquainted.

## SPECIAL SERVICES CALENDAR

Saturday, March 27

Formal opening of Vincennes U. S. O., fun for all.

Sunday, March 28

Music Appreciation program in Post theatre. An hour of well-known recorded music, including George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" in the afternoon and evening the festivities connected with the opening of the Vincennes U. S. O. will be continued. A variety of entertainment and more information from Mr. A. Ralph Carli, director of the U. S. O. about the beauty contest announced on page one of this issue of SNAFU.

Monday, March 29

Post Variety Show, "The Magic Review," 6:30 and 8:15 in the Post theatre (no-movie).

Friday, April 2 and Saturday, April 3

Dances in the Vincennes and Lawrenceville U. S. O.'s.

## At The Post Theatre This Week

First Show—6:30 p. m. Second Show—8:30 p. m. Sunday Mat. 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

"DIXIE DUGAN," with Lois Andrews, Charles Ruggles and James Ellison.  
 "THE APE MAN," with Bela Lugosi and Wallace Ford.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

"IT AINT HAY," with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello. RKO-Pathe News No. 60. Our African Frontier. Broadway Brevity.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

MAGIC REVIEW (6:30 and 8:15) On the stage.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

"QUET PLEASE—MURDER," with George Sanders, Gail Patrick and Richard Denning. "When Winter Calls," Sports Review. "Mother of Presidents," Variety Views. "Donald's Tire Trouble," Donald Duck.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

"NO PLACE FOR A LADY," with William Gargan and Margaret Lindsay. RKO-Pathe News No. 61. "His Girl's Worst Friend," Glove Slingers. "The Screwball," Color Cartoon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

"THE NAVY COMES THROUGH," with Pat O'Brien, George Murphy and Jane Wyatt (Revival). RKO-Pathe News No. 61. "His Girl's Worst Friend," Glove Slingers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

"HE'S MY GUY," with Dick Foran, Irene Hervey and Joan Davis. "Modern Mexico City," Fitzpatrick Traveltalk. "Hit Tune Jamboree," George Olsen and His Orchestra. "Stars on Horseback," Hollywood Novelty.

## Book Review

### "SEVEN CAME THROUGH"

By Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker

In their mythology, the ancients listed a bird called the Phenix. This bird was not bald like our eagle; rascious like the hawk, or swift as the humming bird. It was greater than any of these, being indestructible. For its peculiar characteristic was to rise anew from the ashes of its own cremation and soar defiantly above the outstretched claws of death towards immortality.

Although very modern, and highly skeptical of the multi-headed hydra or the wand of Minerva, we have our Phenix today. Nor is he a myth, as both Jap and German will vouch. He is Eddie Rickenbacker, stunt-rider par excellence and paragon of dare-devils. Turn his racer over on the speedway and haul the twisted wreckage away to the junk heap, but have another car ready for Eddie. Pit him against a sleek Taube or a monstrous Junkers three miles up—he'll bring his plane down and the German one, too. Even accidents, the nemesis of skillful planning, may hurt but do not kill him. He emerges from a cocoon of hospital bandages in a new dash and strength to go on challenging and living dangerously. The hungry Pacific could not claim him when he was sandwiched between a rubber life raft and a Samoan sky. Rickenbacker it seems is too tough a morsel for the toothless jaws of Old Father Time.

And so Eddie Rickenbacker has returned from 21 days at sea in a pneumatic raft, 504 hours of slowly ebbing strength, living now to tell the tale of the seven men who came through and the one for whom the fourteenth day never dawned.

If you want to measure "Seven Came Through" by pure literary standards you may find its value almost negligible, but if you care to view it as an epic story by a man who is giving a straightforward, unemotional record of a hand to hand fight with death you will find it priceless reading.

Capt. Rickenbacker, unintentionally, reveals an inexhaustible faith in eventual rescue and, without sentiment or emotion, an acknowledgement of the comfort of prayer.

He ranges all the way from a cursing commander whose only thought is to keep life in his comrades so they may enjoy "the sheer pleasure of burying me at sea," to a self-appointed chaplain who offers a simple prayer at sundown each day for food and water during the approaching hours.

All those who read "Seven Came Through" may easily catch a bit of the spirit that makes American heroes and which has so firmly established this man as an epitome of that American spirit.

## New Books Are Now on Library Shelves

A large shipment of books for the George Field Library is due to arrive soon from Chicago. Of these, 150 assorted volumes are to be consigned to the Post hospital for use of the patients, according to the librarian, Sgt. Richard Baldo.

The library (located in the Special Services Wing of the 327 Orderly Room Building) is open, as usual, from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. daily, except Sundays.

A few of the newer books now available are:

"America and the Axis War," by Denys Smith, a story dealing with the role of the United States in the long armistice between two German attempts at world domination. In particular, it emphasizes events since 1929 when the Versailles system began to show obvious signs of stress.

"Government by Assassination," by Hugh Byas, a tale of Japan, baring the truth about patriotic murderer societies, army gangsters, Japan's belief in world destiny, and the strange role of the Emperor in national life.

"Colonel Effingham's Raid," by Berry Fleming. This is a novel about a tired Army colonel whose military spirit makes him as much a warrior in the Press as it had made him upon the battlefield.

"The Dickens Digest,"—David Copperfield, Oliver Twist, Pickwick Papers, and Martin Chuzzlewit, condensed in one volume for the modern reader.

"Help Wanted Add!"—Studious soldier, desirous of scholastic atmosphere, wanted to act as librarian evenings. Interested persons contact Lt. Roy Johnson, Special Services Officer. Our facilities for you. Your abilities for us.

## 444 Pairs of Silk Stockings Required to Make Parachute

By Pvt. Bud Hatchcock, Reporter

Yesterday's warriors sallied forth to battle clad in armor. Today's soldiers ride to battle in silks... parachutes harnessed to the backs of the 'fightinest men in the world. Yesterday's armorers sweated over smokey forges, their muscles, a la Longfellow, 'strong as iron bands.' Today delicate ladies, attired in colorful slacks, are busy repairing and packing the silken canopies, in well-lighted and ventilated rooms as neat as a Dutch jung frau's kitchen.

But that lady in slacks, mind you, is just as important to modern warfare as was the Squire's smithy in medieval days.

"These 'chutes must be repaired right as well as packed right, and we're conscientious about our work, for we have the lives of many depending upon us."

This, to quote Miss Nola Vaught, specialist in the packing and maintenance department of Parachutes, here at George Field, illustrates the attitude of the workers in this branch of our aerial service. They know full well the value of their labor, these riggers and packers, and they are deadly serious in their attendance to it.

Beginning operations here for the first time last October 29th, the Parachute department has quickly become one of the most important and efficient cogs in our local military machine. Manned with a staff of workers qualified by past experience to handle their varied assignments, the 'chute corps performs a vital function in this field's aviation operations.

"We inspect each parachute thoroughly every time it is brought in, whether it has been used or not." Stanley E. Martin, genial charges d'affaires of the parachute plant related. "We spread the 'chute out full-length and go over it inch-by-inch. If it is damp, we hang it in the Drying Tower for 48 hours."

The Drying Tower, 35 feet long, 18 feet wide and 38 feet high, will accommodate 150 parachutes at one time.

"The greatest number of 'silks' we've ever had in there at one time, though, was 105," Martin said.

Built along the South end of the Drying Tower is a series of lockers into which the parachutes are placed for storage. Beneath these lockers are large trays of Naphthalene flakes. "We don't have to worry about moths or bugs with that stuff around," Martin explained.

The canopy of a full-spread parachute is 24 feet in circumference, according to Miss Vaught, and the 'chute costs about \$165."

It is interesting to know that 444 pairs of ladies silk hosiery are required to make a single parachute. Here's a chance for patriotic women to contribute to the winning of the war.

There are three types or kinds of parachutes in operation today. These are the Seat, Chest and Back 'chutes. The Seat parachute weighs 24 pounds, the heaviest of all such paraphernalia, and will open after a drop of only 75 feet.

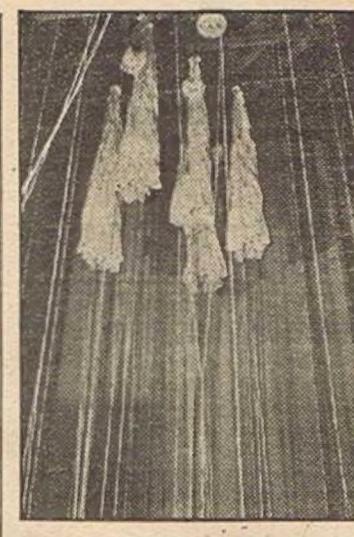
"Ordinarily," Martin told us, "a jump from any altitude lower than 500 feet is extremely dangerous, if not fatal."

When a parachute is first issued for operation, it is dated. After it is once used, it becomes a 'service' parachute. It requires about 45 minutes to repack a 'service' 'chute, and a little longer to pack a new one. The life-span of a parachute is approximately six years, or 100 jumps.

"Each parachute issued to an officer is 'fitted' to that officer, just like a tailor fits him for a suit of clothes," Martin reported. "No one else uses a 'chute but the officer to whom it is issued."

Cadets, upon completing advanced flying training here, are supplied with full flying equipment by the parachute department.

Martin, Senior leather and canvas worker, was formerly at Patterson Field, Dayton, O. It was there he received the training which qualified him for his job here at George Field. Miss Vaught once helped to manufacture parachutes at the Reliance Manufacturing company, in Washington, Ind. Mrs. Laura Thompson, another Specialist in the packing and rigging department of parachutes, told this writer: "Two of the prime requisites for an expert packer are careful concentration and patience." Miss Thompson formerly worked at Napier Field, Ala.



Chutes are aired and dried in huge drying tower.



Captain Alvin O. Tingle illustrates correct wearing of 'chute.

Assigned him for his job here at George Field. Miss Vaught once helped to manufacture parachutes at the Reliance Manufacturing company, in Washington, Ind. Mrs. Laura Thompson, another Specialist in the packing and rigging department of parachutes, told this writer: "Two of the prime requisites for an expert packer are careful concentration and patience."

Allied with the parachute department, and sharing part of the large workshop in the 'chute building, is the Fabric and Canvas department, headed by Lester C. Weaver, who came here from Patterson Field, O. With four women workers under his supervision, Weaver has charge of all canvas and fabric work.

"We turn out wheel covers, flags for the control towers, flags for the Transit Department, covers for rudders, ailerons, etc." Weaver told us.

## Georgettes

Mrs. Elizabeth Huebner, Vincennes, employed at the Area Engineers, is leaving April 5th for Daytona Beach, Florida, to begin her training in the WAACs.

Miss Roberta Hebert, employed at the Post Engineers Office, spent last week-end in St. Louis, Missouri, visiting friends.

Miss Devah Mae Collins, Quartermaster Office, was married in St. Louis on March 22nd to Sgt. Walter Flyte, 327th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron.

The Physical Training Department of George Field wishes to organize a softball team composed of female civilian personnel. Anyone interested should turn in her name to one of the instructors at the Physical Training Department. Some on, girls! Play ball!!

"Is Morale High on Main Street?"

## Lawrenceville U. S. O. Schedule

### TONIGHT

RECORD DANCE—8:30 'til 11:30 P. M. Registrations accepted all week for drawing on FREE LONG DISTANCE CALL—9:30 P. M.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CLUB. Our Girls Service Organization, with their slogan, "We Cure Loneliness," will be on hand from 4:00 to 6:00 to make your Sunday as pleasant as possible.

### MONDAY, MARCH 29

"DO AS YOU PLEASE NIGHT"—Our G. S. O. Junior Hostesses will be here to help you have a pleasant sociable evening.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

FREE DANCING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLDIERS—7:30 'til 9:00.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

JKU BOX DANCING—9:00 to 10:30.

SERVICE MEN'S WIVES CLUB Luncheon—12:00 noon

## MAIL GETS THROUGH AT GEORGE FIELD

"The mail must go through." This is an old slogan used in the pioneer days of the west when there was considerable question as to whether the mail would reach its destination or not. There is no question at George Field, however, about the mail going through. Our Post Office, under the guidance of Lt. William F. McCarthy, is one of the better functioning offices on the Field. There were obstacles to overcome when the local office was first opened as only one man had previous experience with this type of work. The obstacles were overcome and today George Field is the only Field of its size that has all enlisted men working in the Base Post Office. One of the reasons for this is the close co-operation with which the men work. The genial Irish Lieutenant advises that his department is open to suggestions that will better his department. His boys go about their duties efficiently and politely, adding another reason to the complete success of the office.

Lt. McCarthy is well qualified for his job here. Before entering the service last summer he spent twenty-three years in the Boston Postal District. He is a veteran of World War I, having spent twenty-six months in the service as an enlisted man; seventeen of these months over-seas as a Supply Sergeant.

The Postal Chief's duties are by no means confined to his office. He has sold War Bonds, only recently he sold one officer on the Field a \$1,200 Bond. He has made over thirty-one speeches at churches of all denominations, also has spoken to school groups and Rotary Clubs, has acted as best man to officers, cadets and enlisted men alike, sings in the choir for Father McHugh and even acted as Santa Claus at Christmas time.

At present the Lieutenant is unmarried but plans to be removed from this status on or near April 24.

**"WAIT FOR ME MY DARLING"**  
Please wait for me my darling,  
I'm leaving you today,  
For Uncle Sam is calling,  
And I must go away.

Of you I will be thinking  
Thru sorrow and thru pain,  
I'll pray to God that waiting  
Will not have been in vain.

So promise you'll be waiting  
Honest—Faithful—True,  
Then when the war is over,  
I'll come home to you.

So keep the home fires buring  
With flames deep in your heart,  
And wait for my returning  
When we will never part.

Please wait for me my darling,  
Till we will never part,  
And for the day we both will cling,  
Together, heart with heart.

—Pfc. James A. Aldridge  
856th Signal Service Co.

When asked about his plan of campaign, General "Stonewall" Jackson replied to an inquisitive chaplain, "Can you keep a secret?"

"Yes," the eager cleric answered.  
"Well, so can I!" said the general



Ford, Harris, and Jones, trio whose whirlwind dancing, singing, and comedy routines will make the U. S. O. camp show's all-Colored musical show, "Keep Shufflin'," a solid click while it plays for two performances in the Post theatre April 17.

## Hand-Picked M. P.'s Use Wisdom In Enforcing Military-Civil Laws

GEORGE ARMY AIR FIELD, Lawrenceville, Ill., March 23.—A familiar figure in every town where soldiers congregate in numbers is the military policeman, known popularly as the "M. P." Not the crossed insignia upon his collar, nor the usual accoutrements of the guardian of the law (the .45 automatic in his holster and the long-handled "riot stick" swinging from his belt), mark him conspicuously for what he represents. It is his smart, soldierly bearing rather than sets him apart from all others in uniform. For the "M. P." is a hand-picked member of a select group, chosen to represent military law enforcement agencies in both army camps and public places where soldiers are apt to congregate.

He must be physically fit, of course. For the exactions of his duty sometimes call for the use of something more violent than persuasion. In such instances no one is more regretful than the "M. P.," and, by the same token, no one is more equal to the occasion. His weapons are not ornamental accessories to a "dress uniform." They respond to his trained hand, efficiently and quickly. Calisthenics and Jiu-jitsu have made him confident and strong. Knowledge of his duty has made him decisive in any emergency.

But the military policeman is something more than a commando patrol. By the very nature of his assignment, he has to be a diplomat as well as a soldier. He must know how to weather inclemencies of disposition, as well as of weather. He must know human nature well; that "to err is human;" and, that a soft word, discreetly spoken, turns away wrath that, blunderingly handled, may well be fanned into a riot. Therefore, the "M. P." of America's modern armies is schooled in psychology and picked for his native intelligence, as well as for his physique.

The World War I humor directed against the Military Policeman is now as obsolete, and trite, as all the crude jokes about "mother-in-law." For today's M. P. has friends—in uniform and "civvies." Perhaps, this is because he is taught to perform his duty unobtrusively and inoffensively. Swagger, and braggadocio are eliminated from his make-up completely. He does not enter a tavern to look around him with arrogance of a press-gang chief. His eyes are wide open always, but his heart is still there, beating beneath his tunic with a very human tolerance.

Or, perhaps, his new popularity springs from the fact that the United States justly boasts of the superior intelligence of its troops; and intelligence is quick to recognize the need for law and order. Far from regarding him as the odious villain of an early Horse Opera, the soldier of 1943 looks upon him as a friend who preserves his pleasures. Wadsworth once said that the best part of a good man's life is expressed in all his little unremembered acts of kindness.

The necessary discipline to which the military police must enforce is adamant. The individual policeman follows a stern code unswervingly in the performance of his duty; and the M. P. unit, company or detachment, is knit by one of the most impressive loyalties evident in the armed services. Part necessity (to maintain control at all times), and part devotion (to give expression to the corp's camaraderie), this unity is the source of the outfit's strength. Blow a whistle and see them gather—from where you may well wonder.

Although, when he is "off the post" the military policeman's jurisdiction does not extend to civilians, he is their friend and protector as well as the soldier's. He is trained not only to preserve order, but to note the location of gambling houses, brothels, etc., that disrupt a city's social life. He acts in close cooperation with the local civil police, abetting these law enforcing agencies by relieving them of extra burdens, and by sustaining all metropolitan or town regulations within the field of his own jurisdiction.

The public's only experience with the M. P. has been in the neighborhood of Army camps; but the M. P.'s duty carries him into foreign lands for the delicate task of preserving order in the garrison towns of conquered territories and for the dangerous work of traffic regulations etc. at the front lines. To insure an expert supply of leaders qualified to head the Military Police Units, the Army maintains a special Officers' Candidates School at Fort Riley, Kansas, where the entrance requirements and curriculum are unusually strict. Besides this school for potential officers, the Army has special courses of instruction incumbent upon every member of the Corps.

The size of each local detachment is proportionate to the size and needs of the Camp, to which it is assigned. At George Army Air Field, the Military Police Detachment is under the command of Captain Paul Hebble, Post Provost Marshal, and his Assistant, 1st Lt. Robert McGinn. The motto of the Corps is significant: "Of the Troops and for the Troops."

## Mess Officer Outlines Food Savings Plan

Capt. Albert Perry, Mess Officer at George Field, deals daily with a matter that is dear to the hearts of every soldier. "Mess" or "chow" as it is commonly known in the Army is a subject on which all feel the American prerogative of asserting themselves freely. However the responsibility of keeping the personnel of this field fed remains with the Mess Officer.

In a recent interview Capt. Perry stressed particularly the fact that food of all kinds are becoming in-



creasingly difficult to procure. The folks at home are making sacrifices willingly so that the armed forces may receive properly balanced diets. It is the realization of the full and unselfish support by the civilian population that continually prompts the Army in its efforts to avoid waste at all times.

"I am confident," said Capt. Perry, "that the men of this field have cooperated in the conservation." He warned that certain items will be cut off the menu from time to time as they become more difficult to purchase. For instance there must occasionally be some meatless meals.

Field rationing is now in effect, but this fact will not be noticeable

## LINK TRAINER INSTRUCTOR CLASS FORMS

A new course in Link trainer instruction for a selected group of George Field enlisted men is scheduled to start soon, according to Lt. Harry Slad, Link trainer officer. Basic qualifications are that the men must be at least high school graduates and must have a G. C. T. of not less than 110.

Interviews of the prospective students will take place in the 706th Orderly room at 9 a. m. next Monday and Tuesday, March 29 and 30. Interviews will be begun at the designated time and will continue through the mornings of the days concerned. No interviews will take place at any other time.

Only those men whose Squadron Commanders see fit to release for this training will be accepted for the interview and non-commissioned officers are not encouraged to apply.

The course will consist of the following subjects: maintenance of the Link trainer; Aircraft and Link trainer instruments and their use; radio aids to navigation; dead reckoning navigation; Civil air regulations; meteorology; basic and advanced flight courses in the Link trainer; and radio telephone procedure.

to the men as all will continue to eat sufficiently. All menus are made 60 days in advance and are subject to nutrition approval by Maxwell Field.

Little Claude's mother had reluctantly allowed her precious child to attend public school. She gave the teacher a long list of instructions. "My Claude is so sensitive," she explained. "Don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Claude."

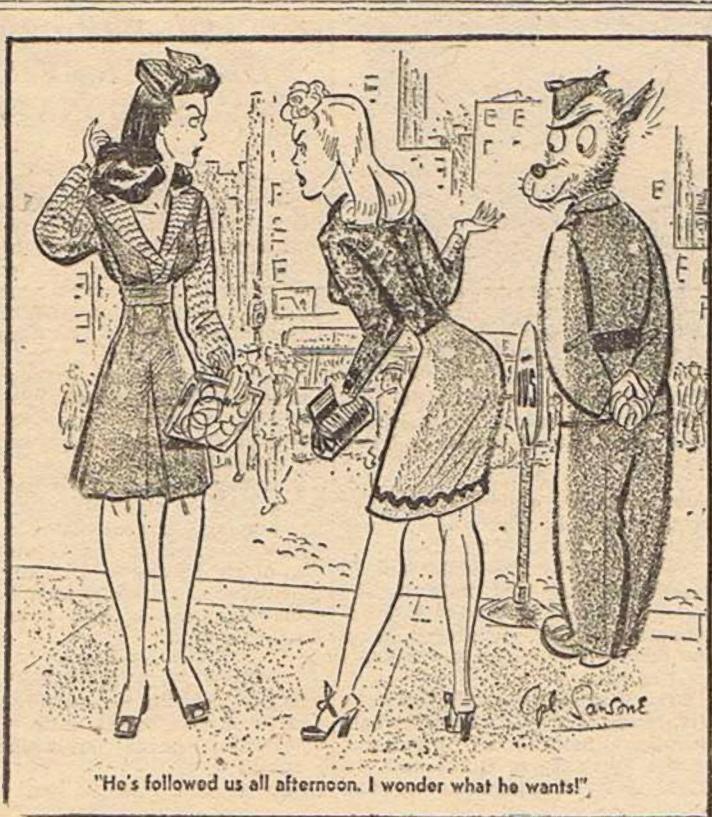
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### ACROSS

- It's all chores.
- These make a clean sweep.
- A Heinle shavetail.
- Vanquish. (We don't know the word.)
- Liked by Englishmen—but not women. (abbr.)
- Use this on your C. O.
- One thing GI clothes won't do.
- To give out—like a burp.
- Alma Mater to a Yale man.
- Present, immediate. (abbr.)
- Hawaiian chow.
- Small valley or band leader.
- Not so hot. (abbr.)
- The Mormon state. (abbr.)
- When Senorita says zis—eet's Love!
- By the Grace of God. (Latin abbr.)
- To shell out dough, purchase.
- "It's Hell," says Sherman.
- It's the old Army way.
- For instance. (Latin abbr.)
- It's the oil. (Latin abbr.)
- The musical note E.
- A Mohammedan big shot.
- Court action or sweet girl.
- To give the old once over.
- Pertaining to. (suffix)
- If you don't buy 'em you'll wear 'em.
- Highbrow stuff this.
- Old "Hup-two-three-haw!" himself (abbr.)
- A girl friend for a buck.
- Zeus' kid, first airmail pilot.
- One millionth of a meter.
- Jap volcano, extinct like their honor.
- To add or attach.

- This poor fish is a mammal.
- When the tide goes out it's—what?
- From this they get your IQ.
- Pertaining to, like, as. (suffix)
- Little land, all at sea.
- He bawls out the sarge.
- First degree in Theology.
- In Moscow or Cincinnati, they're tough.
- From, belonging to.
- Island in Gulf of Riga, Estonia.
- Your letters should get this.
- Hand a girl a line. Baby rope.
- Be good or he'll get you!
- Better to receive than give.
- Sl, in tonic system. (mus.)
- So that's what a spud is!
- You'll love these.
- This jerk has pull.
- Portuguese Saint.
- Jap juke joint Jane.
- Reflections, or representations.
- The Nazis of last time.
- With Hedy Lamarr YOU wouldn't mind.
- Accidentally on purpose.
- Into, within. (prefix)
- Provided that, on condition, as.
- The guy who runs ye paper.
- These boys will teach you.
- Capital of Kamerun, W. Africa.
- To cut off a little piece.
- Into, within. (prefix)
- Symbol for tin. (chem.)
- Your first girl friend.
- Source of 99% of all Army gags.

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"He's followed us all afternoon. I wonder what he wants!"



Following graduation last Thursday a dance was held in the Officer's club honoring the new Lieutenants. Shown above are, from left to right, Mrs. John I. Banks; Brig. Gen. Miller G. White; Mrs. Bob E. Nowland; Lt. Miller G. White, Jr.; Miss Jean Nowland; Maj. Channing Beasley; Col. Edwin B. Bobzien; and Mrs. Edwin B. Bobzien.

## CAPT. CASWELL AND VET. CORPS WATCH OVER MEAT SUPPLY

"Approved for Army Personnel" is a phrase on a sign that is well known to all soldiers. Lack of the sign may indicate that a restaurant or bar is "Off Limits" and the soldier runs the risk of being apprehended by the Military Police if he enters. How places that serve food get the coveted sign "Approved" is dependent somewhat on the result of inspections made by the Veterinary Corps.

At George Field the Veterinary Corps is headed by Captain D. L. Caswell, under the command of Major Percy Sutley, Post Surgeon. Captain Caswell is charged with the selection and grading of all animal products offered for sale to the Army at George Field and also sees that the products reach the mess halls in edible condition. Captain Caswell's staff of enlisted men includes Sgt. Sam Snyder, Pfc. Irwin Rogoff, and Pvt. Morris Goldstein.

To assure a sanitary source of food for George Field men when they are off the post in the vicinity of the Field, Capt. Caswell also inspects all meat establishments and dairies supplying local restaurants. If the establishments supplying food to the restaurants do not have the approval of Capt. Caswell the restaurants may be placed "Off Limits" until such time as they are approved.

Prior to final approval by the Veterinary Corps all animal products used at the Post including the meat, eggs, milk, and fish, are subject to several or all of nine inspections by the Veterinary Corps. The inspection with which Capt. Caswell is most concerned takes place when the products arrive at George Field. At that time he ascertains that no inferior products have slipped through, that the products have been properly taken care of during shipment, and have arrived in a manner suitable for further handling, storage, and use. When apparently inferior articles are found it is usually because that particular product was not available for de-

livery in better grades at the time requested.

Other of the nine inspections performed by the Veterinary Corps include examination of the live animal for lesions and symptoms of disease, and as a double check another inspection is made again after the animal is slaughtered. Further inspections involve the examination of the carcass to determine that



Capt. D. Caswell inspects beef destined for use in George Field Mess Halls.

the grade and value is that for which the Army is paying; checking products that are received here from another Army Station, and the same is done for products shipped from here to another station. A final inspection occurs as the products are delivered to the mess halls for use.

Captain Caswell has been thoroughly trained in all basic sciences relative to sanitation and has had further training in inspection and grading at the Army Veterinary Corps School in Chicago.

## Lt. Pawley

(Continued from Page One) fighting and bombing planes which will by then be developed."

Lt. Pawley is especially enthusiastic about the development of training in the fundamentals of

## Graduation Followed by Three Marriages

Following graduation last Thursday three members of class 43-C were married in the Post chapel. The first ceremony to be performed united Miss Amelia Carey and Lt. Charles H. Wilson. The wedding vows were read by Rev. Lance Mantle, minister of the Vincennes First Presbyterian church. In attendance at the ceremony were Miss Alfreda MacLean, bridesmaid, and Lt. Fred DeForest Williams, best man. Pvt. Lawrence Birdsong, Post organist, played the "Air Corps Song" and "He Wears a Pair of Silver Wings," as well as a few selections of traditional wedding music.

Also married Thursday afternoon were Miss Eleanor Dornerberg, of Carnegie, Pa., and Lt. John Quelser. Mrs. John Winchester, wife of Lt. John Winchester, also a 43-C graduate, and Lt. James Quinn, were in attendance. Chaplain George McHugh performed the ceremony. A reception was held in the evening at the Rendezvous room of the Vincennes Grand Hotel.

The third marriage took place early Friday morning at a nuptial mass read by Chaplain McHugh. The bride was Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Lt. Daniel MacInnis was the groom. Bridesmaid was Miss Suzanne Schultheis of Vincennes, and best man was Lt. Bennie Reigis. Lt. Nurse Florence Bogumill and Pvt. Herbert Hebert sang during the mass and Cpl. Frank Kryl played the organ.

## NEW HOMES NOW READY FOR GEORGE FIELD MEN

Brand new homes, recently added to Lawrenceville real estate development in order to accommodate the needs of military personnel at George Field are open for inspection by prospective tenants. Rents range from \$36.75 to \$39.75 per month.

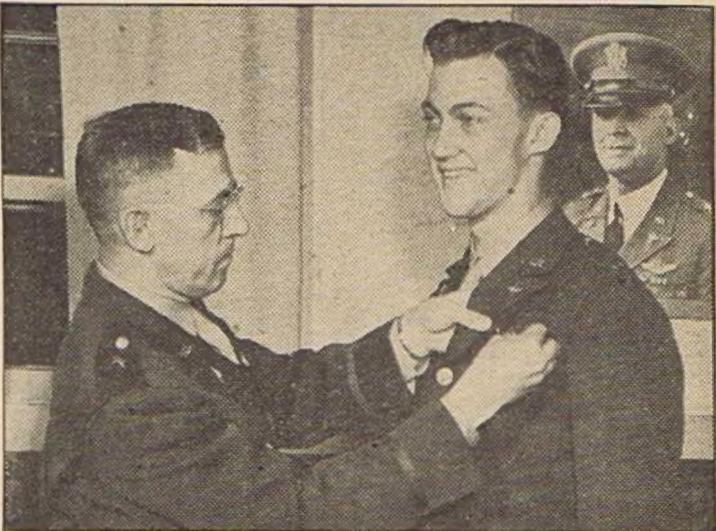
Each home is complete with 2 bed-rooms, a kitchen, living room and bath. Floors are of hardwood. "Dinettes" are an added feature of some of the homes.

Interested persons should call on Mr. Downey at his office on 16th Street, Lawrenceville, adjacent to the newly constructed homes; or at the Federal Loan Building, opposite the Court House in Lawrenceville Square.

flight theory and aerodynamics in the primary school of America today. "A good flyer is made, not born," said Lt. Pawley, "and the sooner in life he learns the basic reasons that permit an airplane to fly, the better pilot he will be."

Lt. Pawley's mother and sister attended the graduation in the Post Theatre Thursday and then left for Rochester, Minn., to visit Mr. Pawley who is resting at the Mayo Clinic prior to returning to India and the airplane plant which is turning out planes that will bring the Allied victory a step nearer.

"Is Morale High on Main Street?"



Brig. Gen. Miller G. White pins "wings" on his son, Lt. Miller G. White, Jr.

## BAND HONORED AT BANQUET WITH LEADING OFFICERS

## LT. J. L. SCHLEICHER, DOROTHY MANSELL WED IN VINCENNES

After a very satisfying and filling banquet Saturday night the members of the 352nd Band are all looking forward to another such party. We were very much honored by the presence of our C. O. Capt. Kenneth R. Monroe, Major Roscoe N. Given, Major Channing E. Beasley, Capt. Victor B. Billingshurst, Lt. Ernest Pittman, Lt. Wm. F. McCarthy, and Chaplain Edward B. Wyckoff. The greatest thanks go to the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, for the very sumptuous and well prepared meal, and to T/Sgt. Richards for the hard work of planning the banquet.

The band has received many compliments for their participation at the Bond Rally in Vincennes last Wednesday night. Sunday night a half hour's concert was played at the First Baptist church in Vincennes, during the Sunday night Service Men's Services.

The dance band as usual has been on the ball keeping up the moral of the enlisted men of the field. Wednesday night the band played the Cadet Graduation dance at the Officers Club. Friday night the regular enlisted men's dance at the Post Recreation Hall. Saturday night the band played for a formal dinner dance at the Officers Club.

Sgt. Peterson left on furlough as a single, but will come back as a double. Congratulations go to Sgt. Peterson as a newlywed. Congratulations also go to Sgt. Neil F. Jones for the extra stripe this month. Sgt. Jones by the way just returned from a furlough looking very hep. Also to Irvin Schappaugh, our supply sergeant for the extra stripe.

That's it—will see you at retreat!

The following classified ad appeared in the Honolulu Star Bulletin:

### PERSONAL

Soldier, 43, sgl, getting 3 day pass Mar. 19 wants enjoy wk-end for \$45 tops. Plays good tennis, bridge, swims, dances, moderate drinker. Will contact replies next Mon. Box 200 Star-Bulletin.

Miss Dorothy Fern Mansell became the bride of Lt. James L. Schleicher, instructor pilot of training squadron 8, in an impressive ceremony at the First Baptist church in Vincennes last Sunday afternoon. The double ring ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Thomas L. Bush, assisted by Lt. Edward B. Wyckoff, George Field chaplain.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mansell of Vincennes, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schleicher of Nashville, Tennessee.

Lt. Amos Loyer, Jr., served as best man, and the ushers were Lt. T. C. Mahr, Lt. E. R. Gieseman, Lt. J. R. White, and Lt. W. G. Hennigar. All the bridegroom's attendants were attired in full military dress uniform. The couple will leave in a few days on a wedding trip.

## Fire Department Adds New 'Blaze Battlers'

Sixteen new men have been added to the staff of George Field's Fire Department during the past two weeks, according to Fire Chief H. W. Alexander. All are now undergoing intensive basic training designed to mould them into highly efficient 'blaze battlers.'

Training for our newly-acquired firemen consists principally of rope and ladder work, hazard inspections under the guidance of older men of the staff, hydraulics, general engineering problems, tying knots, and 30 hours of First Aid. The First Aid course includes the use of various types of splint devices. In all, the basic training schedule covers 200 hours.

All such training is under the supervision of Chief Alexander, Assistant Fire Chief L. E. Hetterow, and Shift Captain Eugene Kiser.

"With the addition of these new men and the two pieces of equipment we obtained recently, this department is fully adequate for any field emergency," Alexander told this reporter. "Our new equipment is a couple of Mack Crash Trucks, and this brings our total up to five . . . three Crash Trucks and two Fire Trucks."

## SPECIAL SERVICES FUND BENEFITS BY \$500 DONATION

George Field's Special Services fund leaped \$500 today when the Farm Bureau Membership of Illinois donated this amount in the form of a check according to Lt. Roy P. Johnson, Special Services Officer. To date, this organization has donated \$6000 to this army air field.

These donations are in honor of the Illinois farm boys who are serving their country throughout the world in the armed services according to the lieutenant.

A survey shows that the money is being used in many ways, such as the purchase of pool tables, radios, paint and curtains for the decoration of all the day rooms. Much of the athletic equipment used in the squadron areas is also purchased from this fund.

**"THOUGHTFUL VERSE"**  
The Lord gave us two ends to use; One to sit with, one to think with. The war depends on which we choose; Heads we win, tails we lose!



PRIVATES vs. SERGEANTS in first weekly radio quiz programs. Shown from left to right are Ppts. Thomas Walsh, James North, Eugene Ballou, Pete Host; S/Sgt. Hyman Wolfe, and Pvt. Marion Moore, writer of the program, Sgts. Lawrence P. Brown, B. L. Moore, and George Kidd.

"Aero-Baseball," the new laugh-packed Army Air Forces Quiz Show, made its initial bow on the radio waves Wednesday night at 7:30 from the studios of WAOV, Vincennes. Pitted against a quartet of Privates in a catch-as-catch-can battle of wit and wits, a team of Sergeants representing the 327th Squadron "Batted Out" six home runs and a brace of doubles to emerge victorious to the tune of an 11-9 tally.

The contestants taking part on the broadcast were Pvt. James North, Pvt. Eugene Ballou, Pvt. Pete Host, and Pvt. Thomas Walsh. The Sgts. were George Kidd, B. L. Moore, Larry Brown, and Hyman Wolfe.

Originated and introduced on the air by George Field's quip-tongued quizmaster, Pvt. Marion Moore, former star of radio's "Moon River," "Aero-Baseball" brought a different brand of fanfare to listeners in this area.

Patterned after the "National Pass Time," this new quiz game is de-



Shown above is the "Goldbricker Trio," which played for the breaks during the Ppts. vs. Sgts. broadcast last Wednesday evening. From left to right are Pfc. Bob Helm, bass viol; Cadet Charlie Work, piano; and Pvt. Eugene Troxel, guitar.

signed to allow each contestant to try for a single, double, triple, or home run. Questions missed or unanswered are 'outs,' and three 'outs' retire the side. Naturally, a home run question is more correspondingly baffling.

Midway in the program the "Gold Brickers" trio, led by Pfc. Bob Helm, added a nostalgic note by the rendition of a pair of old swing favorites, "Lady Be Good," and "As Time Goes By."

Mr. Victor H. Lund, WAOV sta-

tion manager, expressed genuine pleasure at the prospect of a weekly show from the local studios.

"We think it's fine to be able to co-operate with the boys in the service and to bring to the listeners programs wholly dependent upon the talents of our men in the Service," he said.

Next Wednesday evening at 7:30, Pvt. Moore will 'pitch the first ball' in a battle between the Lieutenants of the Army Nurse Corps and the Pfc's. A lot of laughs are expected.

## 711th Lists Quotable Quotes of Men in Squadron

All this talk going around about WAACS being stationed at George Field has started quite a commotion in the 711th Squadron. The boys don't feel too badly about it at all. In fact after questioning most of the personnel this reporter finds that they approve wholeheartedly of this future asset to our Field. Here are some of the answers to the question: "If WAACS were assigned to this Squadron where do you suggest they be put to work?"

S/Sgt. Chester Brannon, Crew Chief: "I think they would make swell assistants to the Crew Chiefs."

Cpl. James Havlin, Carpenter: "I could use a helper. A long slim one about 5 feet, 10 inch, 120 lbs, intelligent but not too much." . . . (There goes our best carpenter fellows).

Sgt. Fred Zuk, Crew Chief: "I certainly could use one on my crew. OH BOY!" . . . (She might turn out to be a S/Sgt.).

Pvt. Joseph Sarra, Air Mech.: "They would come in pretty handy when we pull a preflight." . . . (I know what kind of a preflight you would pull).

Pvt. Joseph Lemieux, Air Mech.: "My prayers have been answered. Someone to make up my bed in the morning." . . . (You better keep on praying, Joe).

S/Sgt. Claude Negri, Chief Clerk, Trng. Sqdn. 7: "I believe I could work much better with a red head on my lap. In fact I'm sure I would." . . . (Did you say, work?).

Pvt. Robert "O. C. S. Material" Bohl, S. D. Man: "I . . ." (That's enough bud, there's an article of war against what you're thinking about).

Cpl. Eddie Laun, Cadet Mail Orderly: "There should be a WAAC issued with each barracks bag." . . . (Supply Officer, take notice).

Sgt. Gerald Butler, gas truck driver: "If they can drive a truck in civilian life they should be able to drive one in the army. Say, can you have your choice of a WAAC?" . . . (Wait till your wife reads this, Gerry).

Sgt. Norman "McGill" Foster, Supply Clerk: "WOW!" . . . (So speaks a true American).

Cpl. Thomas Harvey and Pfc. Ralph Walk, Radio Men: "They wouldn't be of much use in the radio department but they could sit around and look intelligent." . . . (I've heard everything now).

Sgt. Larry Fagan, Physical Instructor: "I could use one that can count cadence. It would save me a lot of trouble." . . . (Not with your wife it wouldn't).

Sgt. James "Reverend" Bass, Air Mech.: "Ship 713 needs one mighty bad, mighty bad! I need someone to go in the tail end of the fuselage with me to check the cables every morning." . . . (You'll have to give her one of your sermons first, Reverend).

Cpl. Daniel "Humming Boid" Babcock, Mail Orderly: "How about getting a couple that can sing, as my assistants?" . . . (We get the mail late enough as it is).

Pvt. Billie "Shotgun" Combs, Fireman: "Will this mean the end of K. P.? I've been around that kitchen so long, they think I'm a cook." . . . (Your smiling face behind that serving line is a great boost to morale, Billie).

Well fellows, judging by these comments it looks as though this Squadron is in dire need of those khaki wearing females. It's a wonder we were able to operate without them as long as we have. (When we do get them it will still be a wonder).

## 327TH DANCE FEATURES GRAND MARCH

In our last week's column we forecast that our Squadron Ball would be a huge success and we were right. The highlights of the affair were the Grand March, led by our Squadron Commander, Captain Kenneth R. Monroe and his gracious lady; and the cutting of the cake, also by Captain and Mrs. Monroe. Our Squadron Commander and his Adjutant, Captain Frank A. Kotches were so busy trying to make everyone enjoy themselves that we honestly fear they did not have much time to enjoy themselves.

Our worthy 1st Sgt. Corwin S. Lee did a herculean job in supervising preparations for the affair. We were happy to have two of our former Squadron Commanders with us, Major Roscoe N. Given and Captain Raymond E. Howard. Sgt. Darwin B. Kyser, our Orderly Room Romeo, carried off the prize from both officers and men in the waltz contest. The sergeant says, "when it comes to the art of terpsichore, I am King." Pvt. Marion Moore kept us in spasms for a half hour or so with his brilliant witticism. Congratulations are in order for Pfc. Richard Sullivan, who recently successfully passed his Cadet examinations. Of late, we have been observing that a lively friendship has sprung up between Sgt. Van Downie and Pvt. James North.

Now, there's a live wire! S/Sgt. Glenn Pahman. Glen is in charge of the morning report section which is nerve wracking, to say the least; but it has never clouded his splendid personality.

We attended Administrations School this afternoon and we can assure you that it was a very profitable hour. Pvt. Edward Gill gave the lecture and demonstration as to the correct method of handling a Squadron Council Book and all we have to say is that young man is good. Our dayroom will be the envy of all other Squadrons on the Post when completed. Our Commanding Officer is doing everything possible to make it so.

At a reception in Washington, a young man was asked by a widow to guess her age. "You must have some idea," she said as he hesitated.

"I have several ideas," he admitted with a smile. "The only trouble is that I hesitate whether to make you ten years younger because of your beauty, or ten years older because of your brains."

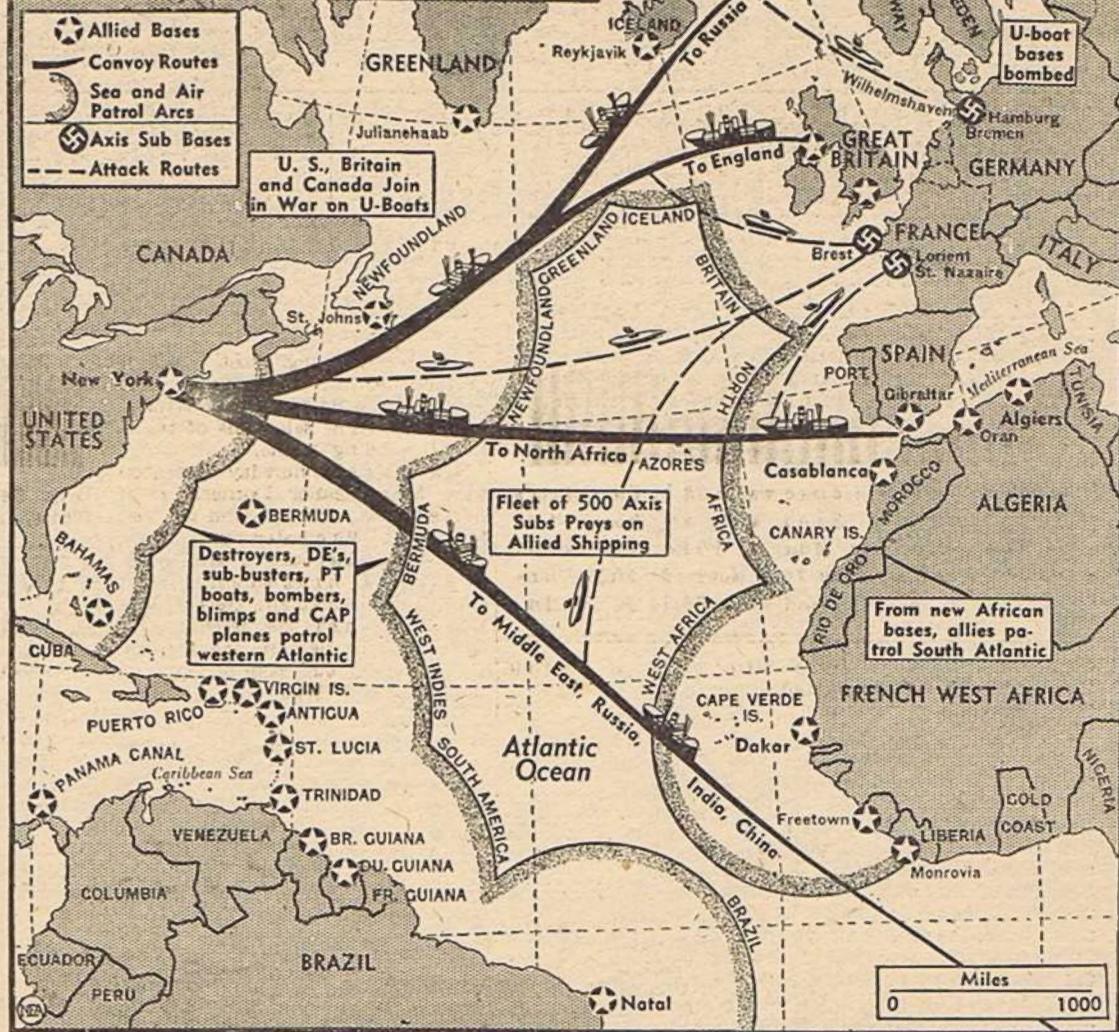
"Did you get home alright last night sir?" asked the street car conductor of one of his regular customers.

"Of course. Why do you ask?"

"Well, when you got up and gave the lady your seat last night, you were the only two people on the car."

Well fellows, judging by these comments it looks as though this Squadron is in dire need of those khaki wearing females. It's a wonder we were able to operate without them as long as we have. (When we do get them it will still be a wonder).

## BATTING THE U-BOATS



With Churchill's announcement that submarine warfare comes first in all U. S. and British plans, Atlantic waves churn with increasing violence in battle against the U-boat armada. More and more enemy submarines sweep out of European lairs to attack United Nations' supply lines, but allied planes and warships patrol the seas to blast the subs and their bases.

### CAPT. R. E. HOWARD NAMED C. O. OF NEW 30TH SQDN.

There is no doubt but that the rapid rise of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 30th Twin Engine Flying Training Group, (the old 709th School Squadron to you) to its present leading position among



Capt. R. E. Howard, former flying officer whose training and experiences date back to the days of World War I.

the outfits on George Field is due to the efforts and exemplary leadership of Capt. R. E. Howard, Squadron Commander.

In two short months Capt. Howard has brought this squadron to the position where it is ranked first among all squadrons on the field according to the Post Administrative Inspector's latest report. This report is based upon organization inspection, squadron records, discipline, military bearing, leadership of non-commissioned officers, morale, and funds and physical standards. In addition to this the 709th Engineering Department, under Lt. E. L. McGuire had the highest percentage of planes in commission, and had the largest number of hours flown in the month of February according to the status board in Post Operations.

Capt. Howard is a former flying officer whose training and experience date back to the days of the first World War. He received his Military Aviation Training at Mineola, Long Island, and his gunnery training at Wilbur Wright Field. After completion of his training in this country he was sent to the 3rd Aviation Instruction Center at Issoudon, France. Capt. Howard spent five months in Issoudon, the largest instruction center in the world, log-

ging over 200 air hours, and serving under the famed Major General Spaatz. Most of this flying time was in Nieuport 27's and 28's, although he also flew the Maraine Parisol which was the first monoplane type ship used overseas. In those days, Capt. Howard recalls, pilots went about their flying unhampered by such cumbersome inventions as parachutes and other safety devices which present day pilots know. He had completed his flying at Issoudon and was waiting to be sent to the front at the time of the Armistice.

For several years after returning to this country Capt. Howard continued in civilian flying, doing considerable barnstorming around Saugus, and North Hampton, Massachusetts. However, for the last 20 years he has owned and operated a group of private placement offices throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In addition to his business activities Capt. Howard, aided by his wife, found time to take a very serious interest in the education of the deaf. Mrs. Howard was kindergarten supervisor at a school for the deaf, and Capt. Howard spent considerable time in a vocational capacity.

Capt. Howard actively kept up his reserve commission until 1937. He was recalled to active duty on June 25, 1942 and was sent to the Officer Training School at Miami for a short time before being assigned to George Field as Commanding Officer of the Base Headquarters Squadron. This duty occupied him

from the time of the activation of the squadron until about the first of this year when he was appointed Post Administrative Inspector for a short time and was then placed in command of his present squadron.

The Captain attended Fitchburg Teachers College and Brown University Extension. He has recently passed the 64 physical examination and is doing everything within his power to return to an active army flying status at this post.

### "THERE ARE NO ATHEISTS IN FOXHOLES"

"Once, during a particularly violent raid, I leaped into a foxhole, only to find a sergeant already here. We squeezed in together. Presently I found myself praying out loud. The sergeant was praying, too. He prayed almost as loud as I did. When the attack was over, I turned to him and said, 'Sergeant, I noticed you were praying.'

"The sergeant didn't bat an eye. 'Sir,' he said, 'there are no atheists in fox-holes!'

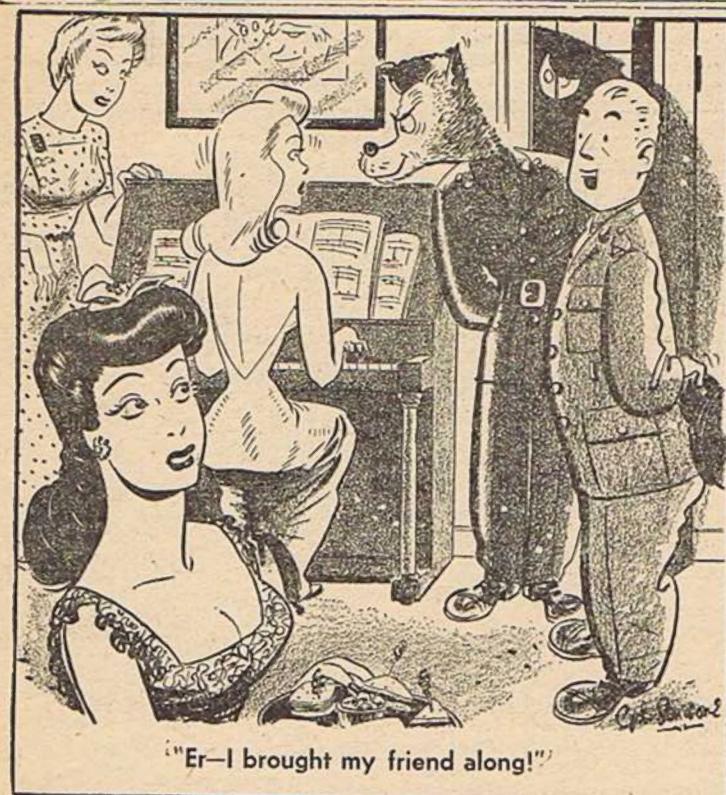
—An incident related by Col. Warren J. Clear, of the United States Army, shortly after he returned from Corregidor fortress.

From the Army Hour

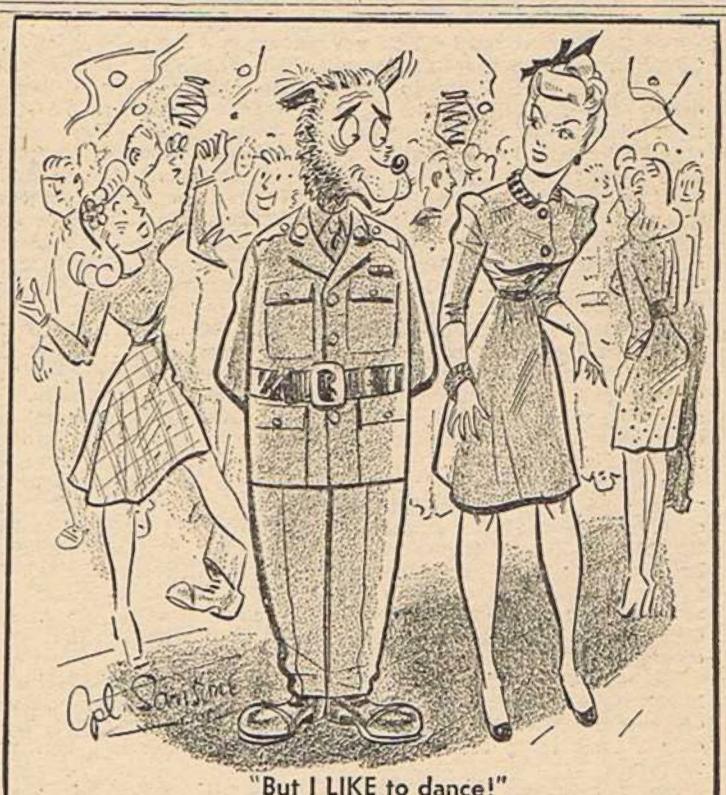
Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

Love is the star men look up to as they walk along, and marriage is the coal hole they fall into.

"Is Morale High on Main Street?"



"Er—I brought my friend along!"



"But I LIKE to dance!"

# SPORT PAGE

## Medics Clash to Decide Post Basketball Championship Monday Night at Gym

It will be the Medics enlisted men's quintet against the Medico Officers Monday night to determine the championship basketball club of George Field. Both clubs have turned in surprising performances in the tourney play as neither was given more than an outside chance to cop the title.

The enlisted men's team of the Medics played during the regular season with the Blue League, winning five games and losing eight to end up in fourth place of the standings. They have been a greatly improved five during tournament play and will give the officers tough opposition. The Medics have earned the right to play in the finals by decisive victories over Training Squadron 7 Officers, the 327th, Cadet Squadron 6 and the strong Cadet Squadron 7 led by Bennie Reiges. The Medics have gathered a total of 144 points to their opponents 68 in these four games.

The officers have had closer scores in their games. One game was won on a forfeit. In the three games they have played their score has been 89 to 73. Their game in the semi-finals with Officers Training Squadron 2 was one of the hardest fought games of the entire tournament, being the only game that went into an overtime period to decide the winner.

Copeland has been high point man for the officers while Jennings has carried the load for the enlisted men's team.

The championship game will be at 7:30 Monday night.

The enlisted men's basketball team of the Medics opened Monday's tournament games by trouncing the 327th, 51-19. The "pill-rollers" were off to an early start and at no time was the issue in doubt.

McCree, Medic forward, poured in 18 points for his team while Jennings accounted for 17.

Score by quarters:

Medics ..... 8 18 25 51  
327th ..... 3 7 13 19

Cadet Squadron 7 vs. 710 Squadron

Scoring 37 points between them, Mooney and Reiges paced Cadet Squadron 7 to their second tournament victory when they sent a strong 710th Squadron down to a 46-35 defeat.

The deciding margin was made during the third quarter when the Cadets hung up 11 points while holding their opponents to one fielder after the score had been tied up at half time.

Roy and Vargo, with 14 and 12 points, kept their team in the game.

Score by quarters:

Cadet Squadron 7 .. 15 25 36 46

E10th Squadron ... 11 25 27 35

Cadet Squadron 6 vs. Band.

Cadet Squadron 6 was off to a slow start in their game with the Band quintet but played a good second half to eliminate their opponents by a 46-28 margin.

Kenney and Ludwig were high point men for the winners with 16 and 12 points respectively.

Cadet Squadron 6 ... 7 16 33 46

Band ..... 8 14 16 28

Cadet Squadron 8 vs 705 Squadron

Holding the Cadets to one fielder during the last half while marking up 11 for themselves, the 705th Squadron removed Cadet Squadron 8 from the tourney with a 24-17 victory.

The Cadets were out in front until midway during the third quarter. But their inability to score during the final half kept them from victory. Smith scored their only fielder early in the final period with a push shot from the side court.

Goodman, high scoring forward for the 705th, was the individual start of the game with 9 points.

705th ..... 5 13 18 24

Cadet Squadron 8 ... 9 15 15 17

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Cadet Squadron 7 vs 711th.

The Champions of the Blue and Gold league play-off failed in the acid test when they clashed with Cadet Squadron 7, Tuesday morning, and were subdued, 39-38.

In story book fashion the game was won with a last second side-line shot by Metcalfe who substituted for Reiges. The 711th was leading by one point with fifteen seconds to go when Smilowitz attempted a long shot, the ball was recovered by the Cadets who drove down for Metcalfe's heave.

Although the game was close and hard fought throughout it was one of the cleanest of the season with only 3 fouls being called on each team.

Reiges, who was injured late in the final quarter, scored 11 points

for the victors, while Nye hit for 12 and Mooney 10. Smilowitz and Fagan with 12 each led the 711th, followed by Blasczyk who marked up 10.

Box score:

Cadets Ct. 7 (39)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Mooney	5	0	0	10
Nye	6	0	1	12
Delges	5	1	1	11
Metcalfe	1	0	0	2
Masher	0	0	0	0
Miller	2	0	1	4
Totals	19	1	3	39

711th (38)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Smilowitz	6	0	1	12
Fagan	6	0	0	12
Johnson	2	0	1	4
Blasczyk	5	0	1	10
C. Negri	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0	3	38

Cadet Squadron 6 vs Medics EM. Completely outplaying their opponents, the Medics earned a position in the semi-finals by trouncing Cadet Squadron 6, 34-11.

Displaying an air tight defense, the winners were able to hold the cadets to 3 points during the final half while adding 18 points to their half time lead.

Jennings, huge red-head, again led the Medics with 12 points.

Score by quarters:

Cadet Squadron 6 ... 4 8 11 11

Medics, EM ..... 4 16 25 34

706th vs Medical Officers.

The Gold League champs ran up against unexpected stiff opposition in their game with the Medical Officers and were dropped from the tournament by a 36-24 defeat.

The 706th was off to an early lead and looked the part of champions during the first quarter as they held a 12-6 lead. This lead dwindled to a 14-14 tie at half time.

Sharp shooting by Copeland, officers' high scoring forward, put the game on ice during the final half as he poured in 18 points.

Borkowski, 706th spark plug was bottled up during the entire game, getting 5 points.

Score by quarters:

706th ..... 12 14 20 24

Medical Officers .... 6 14 26 36

Training Squadron 6 vs. 705th.

The soldiers with wings eliminated the 705th in a rough and tumble match to climax the quarter-finals, by a score of 28-17.

Williamson, officers' hard working forward, led his teammates with 8 points, followed by Kaiser with 6 points followed by Kaisel with 6. Goodman scored 6 for the losers.

The game was decided during the third period when the officers scored 10 points while 705th were stalled.

705th ..... 7 9 9 17

Training Squadron 2 ... 7 11 21 28

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Training Squadron 7 vs. Medics EM

The Medicos upset the dope bucket Wednesday evening when they tripped the strong Cadet Training Squadron 7 by a 36-29 margin.

The Cadets, playing without Reiges during the first half were ragged and trailed at half time by 15 points. During the final half the Medics were outscored 22-14 but their commanding lead in the early stages could not be overtaken.

Jennings and Ryan took care of the Medics scoring with 15 and 10 points respectively. The Cadets kept their scores evenly divided.

Score by quarters:

Medics, EM ..... 13 22 29 36

Cadet Squadron 7 ... 5 7 14 29

Medico Officers vs Training Squadron 2 Officers.

The Medico Officers made the tournament play-off an all medic affair with their 30-29 overtime victory over Training Squadron 2 Officers.

Copeland put the game in the bag during the overtime period with two quick fielders while the Flying Officers were able to garner one fielder and one free throw. A total of 27 fouls were called during the game.

Copeland was the individual scoring star with 14 points for the Medics and Williamson, of Training Squadron 2 followed him with 9 points.

Medics Officers .. 6 9 20 26 30  
Tg. Sq. 2 Officers 6 17 21 26 29

## L.T. O'HANLON PROMOTED TO 1ST LIEUTENANT

One of the most recent promotions among the commissioned officers here was the advancement of second Lieutenant C. C. O'Hanlon, Program Director of the Physical Training Department, to first lieutenant.

Lt. O'Hanlon has been at George Field since its activation having arrived to take over his duties here September 11. Before coming to George Field he was stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Prior to entering the service last summer Lt. O'Hanlon was Physical Instructor at one of the larger high schools in Denver, Colorado.

Other than his duties as Director of Physical Training, the lieutenant was responsible for the excellent showing of the Post basketball team during the season just closed.

Lt. O'Hanlon is married and resides in Vincennes with his charming wife and five year old son.

## 711TH COURT TEAM WINS AT SEYMOUR

The 711th basketball team defeated Seymour Air Base Squadron champs by a 44-34 count on the latter's floor, Thursday night of this week.

The game was fairly even throughout. The first quarter ended in a 10-10 tie, but in the second quarter the Seymour team started to lag as Blasczyk began to connect from well out on the court. The score at half time was 25-20. This lead was maintained during the third period but the George Fielders started to pull away to a decisive advantage in the final quarter.

The 711th was aided greatly by the good work of Johnson who controlled the ball on all rebound shots and Negri's excellent defensive game.

The contest was very clean as only six fouls were called during the entire game, three being called on each team.

Box score:

711th (44)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Smilowitz	4	0	2	8
Fagan	2	1	0	5
Johnson	3	2	0	8
Blasczyk	7	1	1	15
C. Negri	0	0	0	0
Klarer	4	0	0	8
Totals	20	4	3	44

Seymour AB Sq (34)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Sherer	2	0	0	4
Horsewood	2	1	0	5
Davis	5	1	1	11
Williams	3	0	0	6
Upchurch	4	0	2	8
Parr	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	2	6	34

## Cubs-Tigers

(Continued from Page One)

young pitcher Eddie Hanyzewski who has been throwing the ball across with considerable stuff in his early appearances at French Lick, the Cubs' training camp. More familiar names on the Cub pitching staff are Bill Lee, Claude Passeau and Paul Erickson. Batting power is being supplied by Bill Nicholson in center field, and Wilson hopes to have the temporary holdout Lou Novikoff in the fold by the time he brings his team to Vincennes.

It is planned to have a maximum number of soldiers able to attend. An alert crew will be left at the field to carry on the work essential to "keepin' em flying".

Transportation will be furnished by the usual bus connections and in addition several Quartermaster trucks will be available to soldiers desiring to ride directly from the field to the diamond.

The game will get under way at 4:00 p. m., and the admission to service men will be twenty-five cents. Tickets will be on sale in each squadron orderly room the last day of this month. Both the Tigers and the Cubs are donating their services for the benefit of the George Field Recreational program, and it is hoped that a capacity crowd will be on hand at game time.

*"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds, which on other fields, in other years, will bear the fruits of victory."*

—General Douglas MacArthur.

## Post Boxing Team Makes Bad Showing On Terre Haute Benefit Card Last Night



Front row, Di Demonico, Davis. Back row, Ambert, Smalley, Gabe, Bolin, Sheppeler.

George Field's fighters fared badly last night on the Bundles For America Benefit boxing card at Terre Haute, Indiana winning one out of five bouts. Of the five fighters that participated only "Red" Smalley escaped defeat. Smalley was awarded the fight when his opponent, Bill Arbuckle of Indianapolis failed to show up.

Johnnie Davis gave the best performance for the local boys in losing a split decision to Fred Fox, paratrooper from Ft. Benning, Georgia. The decision was unpopular with the fans as Davis, although not fighting an aggressive fight, was able to land his left almost at will. Only in one flurry of blows, late in the third round did he receive more punishment than he dealt out. Davis showed considerable improvement over his last engagement here.

Fred DiDimonico, 135 lb. battler lost his fight by a TKO to Tom Taylor of Danville, Illinois when Gabe threw in the towel late in the final round. DiDimonico, a willing mixer, was fighting at a decided disadvantage as the Danville lad possessed a longer reach and was stronger in the clinches which caused the little man from George Field to quit quickly.

According to Lt. Johnson, Special Services Officer, it has been arranged to have a home and home engagement between our fighters and the Camp Breckenridge boxing team and is to be carded in the near future. It has also been announced that a team from Smyrna will meet our boys in the ring soon.

## Baseball Players Who Wish To Play With Post Team Contact Lt. McClelland

A call is out to every ball player on the Field who wishes to try out for the George Field Baseball Club according to Lt. Clark E. McClelland, Physical Training Director here. The Special Services Department is now working out a schedule that will give our team at least one game each week against fast semi-pro teams and other service teams. A two game series has already been approved with the Minneapolis Millers.

Several boys have been working out in the gymnasium for the past few weeks and are rounding into shape. Lt. McClelland claims that as soon as the weather permits, several playing

## Ping Pong Champs Win Varied Prizes In 706th Squad.

Ping-Pong-land is the site of Day Room as the PP tournament of the 706th finished its Squadron play-off this week. Cpl. Al (Song-hummer) Worden topped S/Sgt. (the Singer) Ned Jones in the semi-finals. Sgt. Moe Dannenburg beat Chris (the BB man) who upset Gutman for the privilege of playing the finals. The final tally was:

Dannenburg 21-12; Christakis 21-18  
Dannenburg 21-04; Christakis 21-8

The winner will receive a three-day pass... and the runner-up gets a show-book gratis. The 706th hereby challenges any team on the Post who would like to play us!—

Last week at the Vincennes theater there was a Movie-Short showing the cue-prowess of several agile exponents of never-behind-the-eight-ball ivories or, as Damon Runyon would put it, clever billiards, or one thing and another. S/Sgt. Johnny Louton must have seen the picture for he was down in the D. R. during the lull (no audience) for Louton, modestly was putting them away in all the pockets with one hand held behind his back. More Day Room notes: Be sure to read the Detective Thr-1-1-1-e-r in the April True Detective Mag... "The Story That Frightened Floyd Gibbons".... (But don't read it before you go to bed...) It's a chiller-killer-diller that's guaranteed to make a bold man's hair stand up, and set creepy-quivers running like derby-winning ponies up-n-down your spine....!

T-w-e-e-t---T-w-e-e-t---saw the first red-robin-last-beautiful Sun-Sunday... the trees are waking up from a haughty Hoosier winter... the chirp-chirp-chirp of the birds: —S-P-R-I-N-G—

(Thanks to the Old New Theater League back in Kodak-town).

"was an oily day in spring  
And all the boids was on the wing  
On the wing? How absurd—  
I though the wings was on the boid!!!"

"I saw a dragon draggin' a wagon  
waggin' a flaggon a train!!!"

The Flying 706th again started off with an Aeronautic start in the All-Inclusive Post basketball tournament, taking the first game from the 708th with a score of 38 to 31.

"East is East and West is West but never the twain shall meet".... except at George Field: Cpl. Bill Love took the Chattanooga Choo-Choo Furlough Special. Buck Private Art Budasz just grabbed the 9:15 Stream-liner for Windy Chi. ... Al Baumlein is bound for the landy o' Buckeyes.... Pfc. Heiss is heading to visit the Queens and the Statue o' Liberty.... Sgt. Blanchette is on furlough at Brockton, Mass. ... Mess Sgt. Lauderdale is letting some one else do the cookin' for him for a while down in Montgomery, Alabama. ... Sgt. Zajdal is lookin' over the prospects for another Johnstown flood.... in the Keystone Province. ... Cpl. Frank Johnson is glad to see Flint, Mich. ... Another Keystoner is Sgt. Dick Villforth, who is seeing his friends and folks in Reading. ... Hey, Sgt. Pampuch, bring back some fresh creamery butter from America's Dairyland!! ... Pvt. John Zarella is seeing the sights from Boston's famed Beacon Hill.

The basketball boys wish to thank general Lt. Joseph Kerwin for the fine steak dinner and his jovial company.... The Hoopsters lost the last game of the season to the Med. Det. lads and Med. Officers.... Au revoir to basketball for another season.... For out-door sports—Baseball, tennis, fishing, horseback riding—are here. ... AH S-P-R-I-N-G—!

## Field Volleyball Camps to Play "Y" All-Stars

The YMCA All-Stars volleyball team has challenged the 711th to a match March 30 at the Vincennes YMCA. The "Y" team is coached by Ray Beless, physical director there.

The match will consist of three out of five, fifteen-point games.

The 711th team recent winners of the George Field tournament is composed of Capt. Matthews, 1st Sgt. Walsh, Sgts. Lucas, Moore, Paffumi, Fagan and Corporal Kissinger.

There will be a return match played at George Field at a later date.



Rudy York

Since his entry into big league baseball several years ago this huge first baseman has been smacking the ball with a home-run label written all over it from every lot in the American League. York along with other Detroit and Chicago stars will make their appearance for the benefit of George Field fans when they meet in an exhibition game in Vincennes, April 13.

## Weather Man Sgt. Wolk Defies Usual Cyclone Movements

The weather in Indiana became the personal concern of our administrative clerk, Cpl. Joseph Strahl, this past week end when high flood waters kept him from visiting his home. If he were from Michigan he would know how to use a canoe. In more ways than the Indians, I might add. The weather station "Humphrey Bogart," Sgt. Vinton Bouslough, has been working out in Max Gabe's school of the manly art. We would back him any day in a match with Shickelgruber, in everything but the latter's ability to howl and moan.

Continuing in the policy of covering the men who cover the weather let us consire the cyclonic Sgt. Elliott Wolk. He doesn't move in a clockwise direction as most cyclones do. In fact at times it is difficult to notice Sgt. Wolk as all. But he isn't lazy either. It is merely that typical economy of effort which all New Englanders possess in greater or lesser degree, and Elliott was given to the nation by Springfield, Mass.

Ever since the founding of the republic the good people of New England have looked upon themselves as the guardians of culture and learning. It was only natural, therefore that he should attend Clark University and then, himself, take up the burden of teaching Springfield's newer editions in one of the cities' high schools. In the barracks, Elliott rules the "Poet's Corner" with a firm but discriminating hand. The radio must play only symphonic music. Only acid sarcasm and biting scorn is the lot of the sly fellow who attempts to tune in a dance band. Weathermen in their off duty hours are held in suspense by tales of new discoveries in atomic physics. Hapless outsiders who wander into "Poet's Corner" by accident find themselves the innocent victims of a merciless dissection. At least the atmosphere is different and a large share of the credit or responsibility lies with Elliott Wolk.

The competent carpenter team of Elbon and Duncan are at it again. A new section in the orderly room and the addition of stained panels will improve the edifice of higher criticism.

Credit should be given to S/Sgt. Flicker, who does a fine job of training rookie guards. The sterling character of the "Sarg" is shown by his unusual tastes. He has been heard to say "I like whiskey, women; and the Commander of the Guard, Jim Doyle, with whom I've soldiered for twenty-five months." Tickey was born in 1917 and calls Bridgeport, Conn., his home. After graduating from high school, he worked as stevedore, shipping clerk, Singer Sewing Machine representative. February, 1941 saw his entrance into the army. Since then, he has worked as mechanic, drill instructor, and guard, during stays at Maxwell, Sumter, Cochran, and Shaw Fields. The Glider bug hit him, and he journeyed to Antigo, Wis. He has been here since Sept. 26, one of our pioneers.

We graciously accept the apology of "Snafu" for having identified the 711th Day Room with the only telephone booth on the Post. Thanks to the unflagging industry of Pfc. Elmer B. Duncan and Pvt. James H. Elbon, the Guard Squadron has long enjoyed a telephone booth strong enough to guarantee the sacredness of any message breathed by a swain into a sweet's ear.

Some wives are always having trouble with either their husbands or the furnace. Every time they pay too much attention to one, the other goes out.

## Pigeon Takes Well-Earned Furlough

Well, there are no changes in the Squadron. However, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lt. Gilbert E. Norris, our supply officer. We know Lt. Norris is behind us 100% and we will give him our fullest cooperation.

With the Pigeon who lives in the Bath House on furlough, the following gossip is offered: This is Thata: Pfc. Elie Williams and his very lovely lass from Princeton, Pfc. Sam Brooks feeding a certain young lady and she bit his finger. What happened, Brooks? Pfc. L. J. Carr can really do a dance that has never been done before. Carr won't name his dance, so we call it the Kentucky Stampede. See it and you will know why.

In case you didn't know it, fellows, we had among us at our dance Miss Eva Shackleford, the authoress. Miss Shackleford wrote the "Life of D. George Washington Carver." (read it sometime.) Miss Shackleford says she loves to entertain soldiers and is doing all she can for their pleasure and comfort. She is very charming and interesting to talk with. Arriving late at our dance was the ever popular Miss Margaret Harrison of Evansville. Miss Harrison is a well known pianist, and has been heard in numerous concerts throughout the south, sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Miss Harrison claims she would rather dance with service men than play for them. We were also delighted to have with us Miss Inez Truss, sister of our own Cpl. Roscoe Truss. A note to the Brownie Scouts of Lawrenceville: The Sergeant is almost grown now. He brings us much joy and is a lot of fun. His pal, the WAAC, loves him too. They go well together. Thank you, Bobby Karr. The men of this organization enjoyed your song very much. Please sing for us again sometimes.

Beginning the first Sunday of next month the Chaplain will deliver a series of messages leading up to the Easter Sermon. Sunday morning sleepers, please shed your cots and hear these inspiring messages.

## They're Coming! Lady Sergeants On George Field

The ranks of George Field's "mascot brigade" have grown ever larger and with the recent addition of a pair of Robinson, Illinois recruits the "canine battalion" is now at full muster. "Lassie," a sedate little lady of uncertain lineage, has moved into comfortable quarters in the Post theatre building and, under the care of Sgt. Richard Baldo, assistant theater manager, and Cpl. Robert Wetherell, chief projectionist, seems perfectly at home. In Squadron 30, "Lassie's" 4-months old daughter, "Commando," has been given board and lodging in the care of Sgt. Howard L. Baer.

The dogs were given to the boys here by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Loy of Robinson, Ill. It is expected that both of the mascots will be given quick promotions, and it will be a novelty to see lady sergeants on the field.

## Ceremonies Will Mark Dedication of Vincennes USO

The Vincennes USO club has arranged an elaborate program for the coming week-end to mark the official dedication of the club. There will be a buffet dance at the club Saturday evening and on Sunday the rooms will be open to the general public from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m.

Dedication ceremonies will take place at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon and will be broadcast over the Vincennes station WAOV. Remarks of appreciation will be made by Col. Edwin B. Bobzien, Commanding Officer of George Field, and by Major Milton W. Heath, Public Relations Officer. The invocation will be made by Chaplain Edward B. Wyckoff, and the benediction pronounced by Rt. Rev. Monsignor John A. Becker.

The USO club in Vincennes occupies two floors. Immediately upon entering the building the visitor finds a spacious Lounge and Game Room. This room is also used for the regular dances, as well as the informal dancing every evening. Here, too, is the Snack Bar used for the serving of buffet suppers.

On the second floor is the Ladies Room, and the Quiet Room. The later room, tastefully furnished, provides the opportunity to relax in comfort, to read current magazines and daily newspapers, or to enjoy a variety of quiet games. A Hobby Lobby and a photograph Room is to be added in the very near future.

The USO Club has enlisted the aid of more than 130 girls who act as hostesses and deem it a privilege to serve the recreational needs of the armed forces.

This club is a splendid example of what is being done throughout the country in more than 1200 USO Clubs serving generously and patriotically to provide our soldiers with "A Home Away From Home."

The tobacco-chewing hillbilly saw a sign in the window, "Woman's Exchange." He grinned and peered in, then entered.

"Can I do something for you?" the fat, dowdy woman in charge inquired acidly.

"This the Woman's Exchange?" asked the hillbilly, looking her over.

"Yes," she snapped.

"You the Woman?"

"I'm in charge; what do you want?"

The mountain man shifted his cud and retreated to the door. Then he turned.

"Well," he said, "I thought we might do business, but I reckon I'll keep Sal."

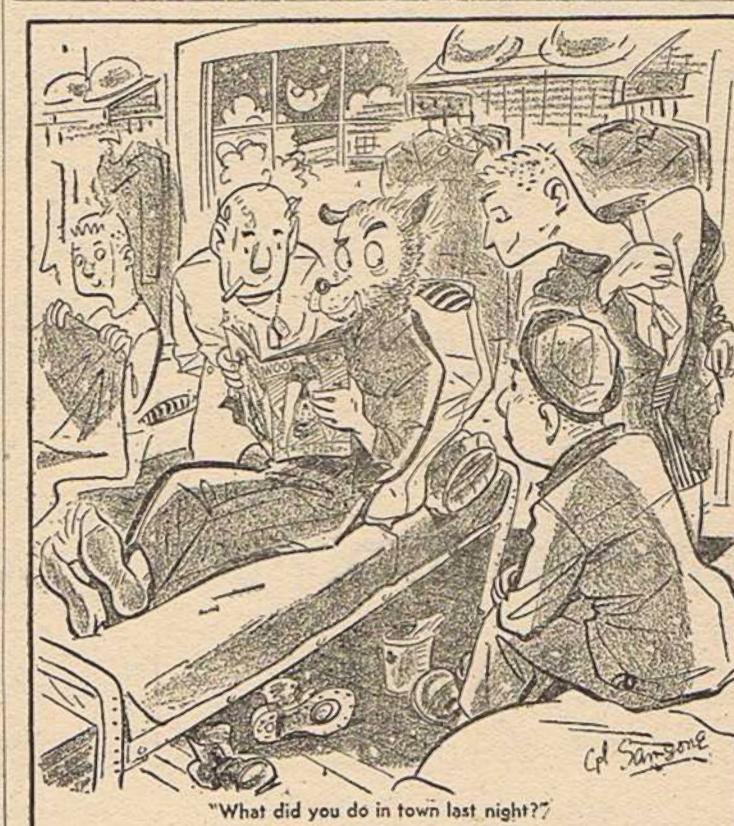
The girl friend worried a little by newspaper stories about soldier marriages "down under," demanded of her hero, "What have those Australian girls got that we haven't got?"

"Nothing," he wrote in reply. "But they've got it here."

Marriage: A ceremony in which rings are put on the finger of a lady and through the nose of the gentleman.

Germany has more intelligence per square head than any other country.

"Is Morale High on Main Street?"



## Spring Peeks 'Round The Corner And Finds Wolves Already Out

**Pfs. Edward J. Corcoran, Reporter**  
Once again, this country welcomes spring-time during these days of war. The Sage of 710 turns the calendar on March 21 and turns to thoughts of love and laughter in a bit of living rhyme. For those afflicted in this way, he has only this to say—

"If his arms are strong as sinews  
And he stirs the gypsy in youse  
So that you want him close against  
yourse  
Baby, maybe you are the wolf."  
The Crier has gathered odds and ends again this week, and for the sake of few and notoriety he begs to report that—

Bugle Impressario, Pfc. DiGlorio made his debut on Monday night to the sounding of "Taps." That isn't really supposed to put anyone to sleep, is it, Ferdinand? It sounded more like the "charge."

We have a table-tennis champ in our group. Or let Pfc. Lester Rutter tell you how to be a champ without playing a single match in the tournament.

Another man who uses his head is Sgt. Truman. Very effective on windshields but so messy and painful. Too bad steaks are rationed. Old Man; but the shiner was a beauty.

Cpl. Koscielny—we admire you, and are certain that your gallant attentions must have made your wife very happy. We hope she enjoyed her visit to Vincennes and the post—and we know she must have a richer understanding of the English speaking vernacular.

Sgt. Van Vranken leaves us for O. C. S. An old army man who gave most of us our recruit drill here at 710, Van was well-liked by everyone and we do wish him the best of luck in the Field Artillery. And in the same breath we congratulate T/Sgt. Cerasale and Pfc. Spezzano on their successful Cadet aspirations. Happy Landings, from all of us, to you.

Ring the bells and sound the horns—Cpl. Chapman won the jack-pot. Home on furlough he paced his travails like a man and now we hear of James, Junior. He saved the

blue-prints and specifications, so step up gents—who's next?

What happened to the basketball tournament? Don't they fill those balls with air anymore? The one you guys used seemed to have a live jack-rabbit inside. Or was it a greased pig? We're glad to see that you men don't try to make alibis—and here's the hopeless line-up:

C—Chapman.  
RF—Roy  
LF—Vargo.  
FG—Drivas  
LG—Grattan.

Cpl. Spitzer goes out on a pass and Cpl. Chafetz is all ready for that long awaited furlough. Please don't spoil all the Army's hard work. Lt. Cooper, our adjutant in 710, is earnestly coaching Cpl. Jerry Kloss in the finer arts of building wooden sidewalks. Only 2400 feet more Jerry—only 50,400 more nails to pound—and the job is finished!

This week we welcome back several old D. S. men from Air-Mechanic School. They are: Cpl. Grattan, Cpl. Spaulding and Cpl. Daubulis. Do you find any radical changes hereabouts?

S/Sgt. Robert Marcoe reports the Reproduction Department is under control and the presses are running. Who wants a form 57?

And before the pen runs dry, I give you this little reminder—

"Little Audry laughed and laughed, because she knew you couldn't put diapers on a cigarette butt." Or as Pfc. Ryan sez—if Squadron 311 is planting their peas and potatoes why can't we do our share by planting the garbage seeds."

**Lt. Roy Johnson, Special Services Officer, calls attention to the March 15th issue of Down Beat magazine wherein Pfc Bob Helm of George Field is listed among a group of well known orchestra leaders who are now in the armed forces. The list includes Glenn Miller, Wayne King, Dave Rose, Meredith Wilson, and Eddie Duchin.**

### Lt. Francis Bishop Former Enlisted Man In Hawaii

Pvt. Seymour Sussman looks forward to the arrival of his wife, Belle, from New York City next Wednesday. Until they are able to find more suitable quarters, Mrs. Sussman will live at the Grand hotel in Vincennes. Prior to the arrival of a few more ratings, Pvt. Sussman will continue to make his home in barracks No. 1.

Sgt. Robert Pletschet and Cpl. Stanley Chmiel have completed a course in airplane mechanics in Gulfport, Miss., and are now back in the squadron.

Sgt. George Madilino acquires a new rose bud, and it isn't one of the local variety.

A quote from the P-X . . . Cpl. Howard Downing demands, "One sparkling brew, please." and the answer from the charmer behind the bar, . . . "to a guzzeling stew."

S/Sgt. Eric Anderson continues to block the telephone lines to the Bronx, New York. How is Margaret Eric?

Pvt. John Vitali as he awakened from a late slumber and shuffles for the line, "I must be the key man there," he mumbles.

Cpl. Andrew Kishell says, "Ho, ho, with these new spring beds I may sign up for three more years."

S/Sgt. Melvin Phillips and S/Sgt. Frank Fulmer want their quarters and rations money pretty badly for some strange reason.

Sgt. Joseph Belmonte has expressed a desire to start a family on his next furlough home.

Pvt. Robert Moore, chief of the Day room remarks as closing time comes for the Day room, "I've got to get up at 6 in the morning, fellows." But it doesn't seem to make any difference to the stragglers.

Pfc. Leo Benda, confined to the hospital for the past week, expects to be back in the squadron soon and at his job in the Photo Lab, where he is the official portrait photographer.

Lt. Francis Bishop, new adjutant for 708th, has seen service in the Hawaiian Islands as an enlisted man.

Pfc. Jack Corkran has been seen mooning around the mess halls where he is reputed to have a favorite character.

## Barrack Chief's Problems Multiply With New Beds

Pvt. Earl J. Lee, one of the newer members of our Squadron, enlisted in the Army on July 27, 1942, and comes from Rocky Ford, Georgia. Upon his graduation from high school, Pvt. Lee, was employed by a chain grocery company, and later became a store manager, which was his occupation at the time he joined the service. Since entering the Air Corps, Pvt. Lee, has completed a course in Radio at Chicago, Ill. The entire course covered a period of 18 weeks and upon completion he was transferred directly to George Field, and assigned to this organization, Hq. & Hq. Sq., 29th TEFTG.

Beds with springs, yes we have them now. The first thing to enter the minds of the various barrack chiefs—Ah! Now that the fellows have these nice soft beds to rest upon, it will be so much easier to get them up in the A. M. after they have had such a good night's rest. The beds were found to be so comfortable that by calling "Rise and Shine" the results were "Sink and Whine."

S/Sgt. Claude G. Barr, was born in Nashville, Tenn., and spent his childhood there and later moved to California, which was his home until he entered the A. A. F. on Feb. 27, 1941. In civilian life S/Sgt. Barr, was employed as a cabinet maker. Sgt. Barr, spent the 1st year in the A. A. F. working in the transportation division of the Air Corps and later undertook the duties of an airplane mechanic on the line, and is still performing that duty.

The writer, after being one of the first contestants to be eliminated in our Squadron Pool Tournament has felt that his hidden talent had not bloomed very well. Upon entering the day room a few days ago, I was asked by one of our new members, Pvt. Russell Hunt, if I would like to play a straight with him. There being a number of fellows in the day room who had seen my exhibition during the tournament; I was glad of the opportunity to show them how my skill had so miserably failed me, when I so wanted to win. A coin was tossed and the result was my break 'em. I broke 'em, and didn't make anything on the break. Pvt. Hunt, proceeded to take over

from there on in. I did not even get a chance for another shot, but I did enjoy standing there (later sitting) and watching him complete our game. Pvt. Hunt, later told me that in civilian life he had been a professional pool player, which I could readily see. No, I am not planning upon a return game.

Fellows, remember how we were all wondering why we were not being represented in the Snafu? I, having never written an item for a paper in my life have attempted to represent our Squadron by submitting a column each week and I know that it can stand a lot of improvement. Since being your Squadron reporter I have had two items given to me for the column, and you will have to admit that is not so good. I am sure there are things happening in our Squadron that would be news to all and it is up to you to give it to me. This is your paper and so lets help to make it.

No, Pvt. Henry Phillips, we know that you have not grown another few inches, but we do know that you are now the proud father of a nine pound boy. Congratulations.

In a New York court, "Action by one Bologna against one Weiner to compel specific performance of contract," elicited this remark from the judge, "I never sausage a case."

"Is Morale High on Main Street?"

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